

REMARKS

The indication that claims 2-5 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claims 2-5 have been amended into independent form so as to be in condition for allowance. In addition, new dependent claims 10-18 have been added that include the allowable subject matter of claims 2-5 and that depend from amended claims 1-3. Consideration and allowance of these amended and new claims are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by NONOMURA et al. 4,487,480 and by KIPFER et al. 6,005,654. Claim 1 has been amended and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Amended claim 1 provides that a peripheral area not opposing the rear panel extends entirely around the central area. This is illustrated, by way of example, in Figure 1A in which the central area is shown in dotted lines and the peripheral area not opposing the rear panel extends entirely around the central area.

Neither reference discloses a peripheral area not opposing the rear panel that extends entirely around the central area and thus amended claim 1 avoids both rejections under §102.

NONOMURA et al. disclose in Figures 3a-c and in Table 1 (column 2) that the area not opposing the rear panel is only on the long sides of the device. The rear panel extends beyond the front panel on the short sides. There is no suggestion to

deviate from the specific relationship disclosed in the reference.

KIPFER et al. disclose in Figures 3-5 that the rear panel is flush with the front panel on at least one side of the device and thus an area not opposing the rear panel does not extend entirely around the central area. There is no suggestion to deviate from the specific relationship disclosed in the reference.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee of \$172 for the two extra independent claims added herewith, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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